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## MAYOR'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT PUNCHBOWL

Mayor Mufi Hannemann hosted the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

He recalled the very first Memorial Day service there, in 1950. Then as now, Memorial Day is a time to honor the people in uniform who died in service to the nation.

"Our debt to them will never be fully repaid, and must never be forgotten," said the mayor.



**Mayor Hannemann, flanked from left by Lt. Gov. James Aiona, Brig. Gen. Vern Miyagi and Congressmen Neil Abercrombie and Ed Case, reflects on the sacrifices of those who died protecting freedom.**

## WORK BEGINS ON BEACHWALK WASTEWATER EMERGENCY BYPASS PROJECT

The City has activated an emergency design and construction team to build a temporary bypass line in the Waikiki area to prevent future diversions from the existing wastewater force main.

On March 24, 2006, after weeks of intense rain, the 42-year-old existing force main ruptured on Kaiolu Street in Waikiki. At the time the City was already planning a new permanent force main to begin in 2007, but will now construct a temporary emergency bypass to prevent the need for any further diversions until the permanent line is completed.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann said, “The health and safety of our residents and visitors alike are the top concern of this administration.

We are doing everything we can to ensure that this will not happen again.”

The project work includes a comprehensive community information process. Information will be available to the public through a website [www.beachwalkbypass.com](http://www.beachwalkbypass.com), and a project hotline 808-203-5777.

“We are encouraging public input into this process, and we’re going to extra lengths to keep the public informed about the project,” said Hannemann.

The bypass will generally parallel the existing 42-inch force main. It will start at the Beachwalk Wastewater Pump Station in Waikiki, be tunneled below ground along Kaiolu Street across the Ala Wai Canal to the mauka bank, then submerged on the canal bottom to the Ala Moana Boulevard bridge, and terminate near the Diamond Head entry to Ala Moana Beach Park. The 7,200-foot line is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The bypass project will be constructed in two phases. The first phase will be the portion from the mauka bank of the Ala Wai Canal to Ala Moana Park. Phase One also includes installation of temporary pumps along both sides of the Ala Wai Canal that are intended to intercept and divert sewage flows from the existing pump station to the new bypass pipe. This will provide a safety net until the second phase is completed.

The second phase will construct an underground pipe by launching a state-of-the-art microtunneling machine from a pit on the mauka side of the Ala Wai Canal about 1,000 feet along Kaiolu Street to the Beachwalk Wastewater Pump Station makai of Kuhio Avenue. Traffic will be intermittently affected along Kaiolu Street and at the Diamond Head entrance to Ala Moana Beach Park. Some parking stalls and portions of the sidewalk will be temporarily displaced by the bypass pumps along the makai side of the Ala Wai Canal.

On the mauka side, in the City’s Ala Wai Neighborhood Park, the bike path will be detoured and a portion of the softball field will be closed for a construction staging site. Because of the urgency of the situation, the City has received an emergency proclamation from the state for the project that waives the lengthy process to obtain permits for construction.

Hannemann said, “There will be inconvenience for some people in this area, but we ask for your patience. We believe the community understands the need for this work and wants it done quickly.”

The estimated cost of the Beachwalk wastewater emergency bypass is \$20 million. Of this amount, \$2 million has already been spent for the repair work of the March 24 break and \$3 million for environmental restoration which includes additional ‘akulikuli plants in the Ala Wai Canal.

Project team members include general consultant R. M. Towill Corporation, general contractor Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company and construction manager M&E Pacific, Inc.



**Mayor Hannemann announces the emergency bypass project at a news conference at the Beachwalk Sewage Pumping Station in Waikiki.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE [www.beachwalkbypass.com](http://www.beachwalkbypass.com) or call 203-5777





**Personally spreading the word, Mayor Hannemann informs a shopkeeper about the Chinatown Summit.**

## MAYOR HANNEMANN HOSTS CHINATOWN SUMMIT ON JUNE 22

Everyone interested in the future of Chinatown is invited to attend the Mayor's Chinatown Summit on June 22 at the Hawai'i Theatre.

Sponsored by the City's Office of Economic Development and Enterprise Honolulu, the summit is free, but registration is required. Call the Hawai'i Theatre Center Box Office at 528-0506 Tuesdays through Saturdays to register. Deadline is June 17.

"We will bring residents, businesses, private organizations and the City together to assess Chinatown's economic potential and map a strategy for its revitalization," said Mayor Mufi Hannemann. "As I've said so many times, I envision Chinatown as a vibrant center for culture and the arts."

That goal got new impetus last month, when the White House Advisory Council on Historical Preservation announced Chinatown has been designated as a Preserve America Community Neighborhood, the first in Hawaii. That honor makes Chinatown eligible for preservation funds.

Hannemann went door-to-door in Chinatown with community leaders to invite people to attend the summit. He will deliver the keynote speech, followed by presentations on:

- "Customers' Perspectives," Dexter Suzuki, Bedrock,
- "Community Views," Wiwik Bunjamin-Mau, The ARTS at Marks Garage,
- "The Entrepreneurial Experience," former state senator Anthony Chang and Wing Tek Lum of Lum, Yip Kee, Ltd.,
- "Arts and Culture," Marilyn Cristofori, Hawai'i Arts Alliance, and Ed Korybski, Honolulu Culture and Arts District Association,
- "Economic Development," Dr. Tin Myaing Thein, Pacific Gateway Center, and
- "Communities in Transition," Miguel Garcia of the Ford Foundation.

City Councilman Rod Tam, whose district includes Chinatown, will also participate.

Following a no-host lunch in Chinatown, workshops will begin at 2 p.m. on "New Funding Opportunities" (Ford Foundation); "Community Concerns," and "What Do Customers Want?"

### *CITY NEWS BRIEFS*

#### Transit community meetings

The City will hold community meetings to update the public on progress with the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project:

- Saturday, June 24, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Kapolei Hale
- Monday, June 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Honolulu Hale/Mission Memorial Auditorium
- Wednesday, June 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aliamau Middle School

#### Kualoa Beach waters declared safe

The state Department of Health has reopened the beach at the City's Kualoa Regional Park after closing it in December because of high bacteria counts.

"It's great news for the many people who use this popular Windward Oahu park," said Mayor Mufi Hannemann. "They can go back in the water again."

The park's wastewater disposal system was initially suspected. The City took immediate action, but high bacteria counts lingered until recently.

#### Court upholds City's aerial ad ban

The U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the City's ban on aerial advertising.

The court upheld a lower court ruling against the California-based Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, which claimed the ban violated its free speech rights.

The three-judge appeals court panel disagreed.



**BASKETBALL  
JAMBOREE CHAMPS**  
Mayor Hannemann congratulates the winning prep/college team at his 13<sup>th</sup> annual Basketball Jamboree: from left, Keisha Kanekoa, Sophie Merrifield, Ashley Medcalf, Jamie Smith, Marlene Zeug, Kii Spencer-Vasconcellos, Alana Marble and Michelle Gabriel, Hannemann holds the benefit tournament each year to promote gender equity in athletics.

## COMING UP IN JUNE

- June 3 and 4 – 5 p.m., Sunset on the Beach at Waikiki. Saturday's movie is "Shark Tale." Sunday's is "The Greatest Game Ever Played." Details at [www.waikikiimprovement.com](http://www.waikikiimprovement.com)
- June 10 and 11 – 5 p.m. Sunset on the Beach at Waikiki. Saturday's movie is "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." Sunday's is "Paradise Hawaiian Style."
- June 10 – 9:30 a.m., King Kamehameha Day Floral Parade, downtown (King and Richards) to Kapiolani Park.
- June 17 and 18 – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunset in Kalihi, at Kalakaua District Park. Sponsored by the Kalihi Business Association. Entertainment, games, food. Saturday's movie is "Madagascar." Sunday's is "Daddy Day Care."
- June 22 – Mayor's Chinatown Summit, at Hawai'i Theatre. Free. Register by June 17, 528-0506. (Story on Page 3.)
- June 23-25 – 15<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Honolulu, Honolulu Civic Center grounds. Details at [www.808taste.com/](http://www.808taste.com/)
- June, 24 and 25 – 5 p.m., Sunset on the Beach at Waikiki. Saturday's movie is "Local Hero." Sunday's is "The Pink Panther."

## NEW CITY ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Mufi Hannemann signed into law:

- Bill 23 (2006), CD1, relating to motor vehicles parking in metered stalls in City parks. The bill was requested by the Honolulu Police Department to correct potential legal issues and to specify exactly what constitutes a citable parking violation.
- Bill 35 (2006), which allows the City's one-time tax credit to be granted to additional property owners who replace their cesspools with septic tank systems. The credit has not been available to property owners who make the conversion in order to comply with federal requirements. The bill makes those property owners eligible for the credit, but they must apply for it within 90 days.
- Bill 36 (2006), CD1, which clarifies the existing ordinance relating to the monthly rental rate for telecommunications facilities on City property.

## MAYOR ON AIR

Radio: Mayor Hannemann will be on the radio on:

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 18, 25 – 7:20 a.m., "Mayor's Minute" with Brickwood Galuteria, KINE 105.1 FM.
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 7 to 8 a.m., "Aloha Friday with Mayor Mufi Hannemann," KUMU, 1500 AM.
- June 6 – 8:30 to 9 a.m., KZOO 1250 AM. Call 593-8670.
- June 8 – 7:30 a.m. Tiny Tadani Show, KHUI 99.5 FM. Call 591-9369.
- June 8 – 8:15 a.m. "Equal Time" with Sen. Fred Hemmings, KHNR 97.5 FM. Call 947-5868.
- June 14 – 5 to 6 p.m., Mike Buck Show, KHVH 830 AM. Call 521-8383.

Cable television: Mayor Hannemann appears on Olelo, Oceanic Cablevision Channel 54 on:

- [Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Report](#), June 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- [City News from the Hannemann Administration](#), June 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/0606junnews.pdf>